Dear Santa,

We are from Waveland and our home was at:

[redacted] CANDY LANE

We are now living at:

Address: [redacted] JEFF DAVIS

City WAVELAND State MS Zipcode 39576

Phone No. [redacted]

Our family consists of:

JUST ME AND MY DOG.

↳ MARY ELIZABETH (LIZ) [redacted]

Our Katrina experience was:

LIKE SO MANY OTHERS, I DIDN'T THINK THE STORM WOULD BE SO DEVASTATING, AND I DECIDED TO STAY IN WAVELAND. SINCE I LIVED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE TRACKS, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO RIDE OUT THE STORM AT THE HOME OF MY GODPARENTS, GEORGE AND LILIAN [redacted] OF [redacted] JEFF DAVIS AVE IN WAVELAND. THAT DECISION PROBABLY SAVED MY LIFE! I SPENT THE TEN OR SO HOURS OF THE STORM, ALONG WITH MY DOG, IN THE LITTLE RED GUEST →

Write something special that you would like Santa to bring you or your family:

I HAVE EVERYTHING THAT I NEED! BUT GET MORE BUSINESSES OPEN SO WE CAN SPEND OUR MONEY HERE!

Please use back or another sheet of paper, if you want to write more. We want to hear your story.

Return by November 30th to:

Mayor's Office, City of Waveland, P. O. Box 539, Waveland, MS 39576

ULSE ON THEIR PROPERTY AND I'VE BEEN HERE EVER SINCE. DURING THE STORM WE D TWO-WAY RADIOS BETWEEN THE MAIN HOUSE AND THE GUEST HOUSE. BEING ABLE TALK TO LILI AND GEORGE REASSURED ME THAT WE WOULD ALL BE OKAY. I DID A LOT OF LKING TO GOD, TOO, ASKING HIM TO SLOW THE WINDS AND MAKE THE STORM PASS ICKLY. WHEN THE WIND FINALLY DIED DOWN ON MONDAY AFTERNOON AND WE, ALONG TH OTHER NEIGHBORS ON JEFF DAVIS, CAME OUT OF OUR HOMES, WE HAD NO IDEA THE LEVEL OF DESTRUCTION KATRINA HAD CAUSED. BUT EVEN WORSE THAN ANY RT OF THE STORM WAS KNOWING THAT MY FAMILY (EVACUATED TO BATON ROUGE FROM EW ORLEANS) THOUGHT WE WERE ALL LOST IN THE HURRICANE. I COULDN'T GET WORD THEM UNTIL THURSDAY THAT WE WERE ALL OKAY.

MOVED TO WAVELAND FROM NEW ORLEANS JUST OVER A YEAR AGO. PEOPLE SAID I S CRAZY FOR MOVING AND EVEN CRAZIER FOR STAYING THROUGH THE URRICANE. BUT WHEN THE STORM WAS OVER AND I SAW HOW THE BEAUTIFUL ND LOVING COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER TO HELP EACH OTHER AND WHEN I AW ALL THE RELIEF EFFORTS POURING IN ON TUESDAY MORNING I KNEW THERE WASN'T A BETTER PLACE ON EARTH TO BE! IT'S BEEN AN AMAZING COMPARISON O HEAR MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS TALK ABOUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN NEW ORLEANS AND TO BE ABLE TO TELL THEM ALL OF THE WONDERFUL THINGS THE PEOPLE OF WAVELAND (AND ALL OF THE INCREDIBLE PEOPLE WHO CAME TO OUR AID) WERE DOING TO GET THIS PLACE BACK UP AND RUNNING.

I PLAN TO REBUILD (IF ALLSTATE COMES TO THEIR SENSES AND SBA WILL HELP ME OUT) AND I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING PART OF THIS COMMUNITY AS IT REBUILDS, TOO. GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL!